

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Action asserts that a feature of claim 3 is not shown in the drawings. This objection to the drawings is rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 3, discussed below.

Claim Status

Claims 1-26 were presented. Claims 1 and 3 are canceled, without prejudice, and claim 2 is amended. Claims 2 and 4-26 are now pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The allowance of claims 11-26 is noted and appreciated. Claim 2, which is indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form, is rewritten to include all limitations of base claim 1, and claim 1 is canceled. Claims 4-10 depend from claim 2. Thus, claims 2 and 4-10 are now in form for allowance.

Claim Rejections


Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Arisaka et al. (USP 6,749,142). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Arisaka et al. In response, claims 1 and 3 are canceled, without prejudice.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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